

## Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Thomas A. Watson, January 25, 1905

1331 CONNECTICUT AVENUE WASHINGTON D.C. January 25, 1905. Mr. Thomas A. Watson, President of the Fore River Ship & Building Co., Quincy, Mass. Dear Mr. Watson:-

My son-in-law Mr. Gilbert H. Grosvenor, is writing the story of the telephone, and of my early life in Boston and Salem.

If you have any letters or documents referring to the period 1872–1877 I would be very much obliged if you would lend them to me for a few days so that copies may be made of any that seem important; I will then return them to you.

Mr. Grosvenor is also anxious to see newspaper clippings, illustrations, or photographs of the period. Have you a photograph of yourself taken at that early day, also a photograph as you appear now. If you could send them to me I would return the former, and KEEP the latter.

Perhaps you can also supply a copy of the celebrated poem entitled “Waiting for Watson” which I think appeared in 1877.

I need hardly say we will be glad to receive any material in your possession bearing on the period 1872–1877, and will return it promptly.

With kind regards, Yours sincerely, Alexander Graham Bell